

Dear G2-4 Parents,

The first day of school is tomorrow! As you are laying out your little one's bags and clothes for the first day we wanted to welcome you and send you a few notes to consider as we begin the first day.

1. Please prepare a morning snack for your child to eat during the morning break. We would kindly ask that the snack be a healthy choice and that sweets be avoided.
2. Please bring a water bottle so that student may keep water with them through the day and stay well hydrated. We recommend a reusable bottle to promote environmental sustainability.
3. Please ensure that your child's jackets, books, bags and other personal belongings are labeled with your child's full name.
4. If you are bring lunch please consider using reusable containers to reduce use of disposable bags and to promote environmental sustainability.
5. There is no need for any stationary as we will provide all pencils, pens, notebooks, papers as is necessary.
6. If your child has any special needs please inform us as soon as possible so we can make proper accommodations and modifications if necessary.
7. The most convenient way to contact us is at our school e-mail nathan.pope@shureninternationalschool.com / patricia.pope@shureninternationalschool.com and you may also text us at 559.392.8766 or 559.326.8778. Please text or e-mail to request a telephone or in person conversation, we will immediately arrange one.
8. The homework schedule will be Mondays: English Reading (related to unit), Tuesdays: Chinese Reading (related to unit where possible), Wednesdays: English Writing (related to unit), Thursdays: Chinese Writing (related to the unit), and Friday: Math (drilling and unit problem solving). New spelling words will be given every Friday and there will be a quiz every Friday for the preceding week's spelling words.
9. Because we will be having class in Netivot Shalom we ask that you do not bring birthday cakes on your child's birthday. Instead we will put every child's birthday on our class Google calendar, and we will ask that all students make cards on the day of a classmates birthday and we will celebrate the birthday with cards and a birthday song.
10. Please mark your calendar with the following field trip dates, and let us know if you can chaperone. Chaperones for the first overnight camping trip to China Camp are the number one priority presently.
 - a. For our Migration Unit: Sep 7: Oakland China Town; Sep 29-30: China Camp SP; October 6: Angel Island;
 - b. For our Life Cycles Unit: Oct 20-21: Elkins Ranch; Nov 21: Fitzgerald Marine Reserve; Dec 3: Overnight at Oakland Zoo
 - c. For our Energy Unit: Jan 3: Black Diamond Mine (there are other field trips still being planned for this unit).
11. If you can volunteer in the classroom please let us know what times you can be available at least one week in advance and we will be very happy to plan for a meaningful way in which you can greatly assist us in the teaching and learning.
12. We have a class wiki where information about the class will be posted (we prefer the wiki format to the blog format). This wiki will also be interactive and enable the students to post their work and continue to collaborate with each other from home and beyond. The address is <http://shuren234.wikispaces.com>

Warm Regards,
Nathan & Patricia